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Another Old and Valuable Citizen Passes Away.

As announced in a few brief lines in our last issue, Mr. Benedict Farmer crossed over to the other shore on Friday last, aged about 78 years. Mr. Farmer was one of the oldest and most substantial citizens of this county. He was born and reared in the home in which he died.

For many long years he had been engaged in merchandising at Farmdale, and, by careful and frugal management, had accumulated a handsome estate.

His integrity and uprightness of character were known and recognized by every one with whom he had dealings. With all the rest of his good qualities he coupled a gentle and kindly disposition. He was an old fashioned Kentucky gentleman. Once your friend, he remained steadfast, through sunshine and storm.

He was a Christian gentleman, which is more, higher and better than all else—being a prominent member of the old time Particular Baptist Church, which is known as Little Flock, and its house of worship is located near Alton, Anderson county.

In early life Mr. Farmer was happily married to Miss Lucy Thomas, who has been a helpmate indeed to him in all the long years which have passed. They have gone hand in hand, cheerfully and happily, bearing the sorrows that have come with patient fidelity and the joys without undue elation. Now, in the eventide of a long life, she is bereft of the strong arm upon which she so confidently leaned all along the journey. The tenderest sympathy of a whole community goes out to her in her desolation.

For more than a year Mr. Farmer's health had been exceedingly delicate, and time and time again he was thought to be beyond the reach of earthly help; but his sound and sturdy constitution enabled him to rally from the attacks of disease, when everyone had abandoned hope.

Recent afflictions did much to break down his remaining strength, and now, full of years and of labors, he rests in the arms of that Savior in whom he trusted.

He leaves his devoted wife and three children—Mr. Ben. T. Farmer, of this city, and Mr. Will S. Farmer, of Farmdale, and Mrs. J. T. McCoun, of Mercer county—to mourn his departure.

The funeral services took place on Sunday last, at 1 o'clock, p. m., services being conducted by Rev. P. G. Lester, of Virginia, and Rev. J. G. Sawin, of Illinois, and the remains were placed with his kindred dust in our cemetery.

His county and State have lost a good and upright citizen; his family a kind, indulgent and loving husband and father; and his neighborhood a man who could ill be spared.

A devoted friend has handed us a fuller sketch of our friend's life, since our notice was written, which we gladly give place in our columns:

Died at Farmdale, Franklin county, Ky., on the 17th day of February, 1899, Mr. Benedict Farmer, in the 78th year of his age, having been born on the 16th of August, 1821. His father, Benjamin Farmer, was a native of Chesterfield county, Virginia, was born in 1783, married Miss Susannah Goode, of same county, in 1807, immediately thereafter removed to Kentucky and permanently settled, in 1808, on the location now known as Farmdale, there erected his pioneer cabin, for the building of which the first tree of a virgin forest was felled by his hand, and there, with his young wife, established his home, in which eight children were born to them, the youngest is the subject of this sketch, all of whom reached mature years—the larger number advanced age—now none surviving.

In 1843 Mr. Farmer married Miss Lucy Thomas, daughter of Thompson Thomas, Esq., of Anderson county, by whom he had six children—three of whom Mr. Ben. T. Farmer, of Frankfort, Mrs. James T. McCoun, of Mercer county, and Mr. W. S. Farmer, of Farmdale, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren and the venerable widow

survive him.

In September, 1837, he established, in connection with his brother, the late Thomas Farmer, the merchantile house of T. & B. Farmer, and called the location, in honor of the family, Farmdale, where, for twenty-five years, the brothers continued business. In 1861 he became sole owner and continued business in the name of B. Farmer, and later as B. Farmer & Son. For 62 years he has been connected with the business, during which time the strictest and most honorable business methods have been observed, and a handsome fortune has been accumulated. No reverse of fortune or financial cloud has ever marred the steady growth of its popularity nor jeopardized its financial or exemplary character.

At his father's death he became owner of the homestead and plantation, and it was the pride of his later years to say that he was born, lived and expected to die on the same spot of earth where his father spent the entire period of his life after marriage.

The death of Mr. Farmer removes the last remaining landmark of a generation of sterling men and women, who formed the character and made the first history of Franklin county, and who were directly connected with the social, religious and commercial conditions of the adjoining counties.

None of his boyhood companions or school-fellows remain in the old community, and only one remains yet alive—a citizen of a distant State.

He was in full sympathy with all that affected the community for good, foremost in all enterprises for the public weal, a leader of indomitable purpose, strictest honesty; had a perseverance that could not fail, and a determination that yielded not to adverse surroundings; a liberal supporter, with energy and purse, of whatever was for the public good. As a neighbor, attentive to the sick, charitable to the suffering poor, the widow's friend, and the orphan's protector; helpful, sympathetic, loyal, to the greatest extremity to his friends, affectionate and devoted to his family, a loving companion, an indulgent parent, a wise counselor.

He was a zealous church man—early in life joined the Regular Baptist Church, of the old school, and for over half a century and until stricken with his last illness (blood clot on brain), never missed but one of his church meetings, in a period of thirty-two years, then during the war when he was absent from the State. When the Lord converted him, it was of the head, heart, mind, soul, body, strength and purse, and never once, in all his Christian experience, did he fail in any duty to his fellowman, his church or his God. His young manhood, his maturer life and his declining years were devoted to his Master. To him life was to endure the present in faith, in the hope of the future, dying as he lived in the promises of the Christian.

The death of a true friend is always a sore affliction (the union of hearts is by invisible ties which can not be severed without intense pain). The departure of a loved one, whose presence and spirit were sources of great comfort, removes out of life part of its sweetness and leaves a void that can never be filled.

Religion does not forbid sorrow in times of bereavement. "Ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy."

He is taken away, but still a member of the household, only separated by a thin veil—not lost forever, but gone before into a better life, waiting there for the promised reunion. "All that live must die, passing through nature to eternity." No word of comfort can be spoken to the sorrowing children that may assuage the poignancy of their grief. No future painted them so bright, as the example of his life, and the triumph of his death.

To her who has, so long ago, with him passed the noon of life, journeyed far down his western slope, can only be said "all is well."

"Soon may this flickering spark of vital flame

Forsake its languid melancholy frame!

Soon may these eyes their trembling lustre close

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National T. P. A. Meeting.

The National Convention of the Travelers Protective Association of America will meet in Louisville during the week commencing May 16 next.

The date was fixed at a meeting of the National Executive Committee held in St. Louis on Friday, February 17.

Mr. Sam P. Jones, of the Louisville Post, who is a member of National Board, was in attendance and is very enthusiastic over the matter.

About 6,000 delegates will be in attendance, with an equally large number of alternates and visitors.

Under the rule the State Association will meet in Paducah April 16, the State bodies being required to meet thirty days beforehand.

The announcement of the the proposed meeting in Louisville will be a subject of congratulation to all members of the Association in this section.

Mr. T. E. Harvey, who has been chosen by the Association to manage the arrangement of data for a splendid industrial history of Kentucky to be issued about that time, was in the city this week arranging for the collection of such data from this city and county as may be necessary for this big enterprise and should meet with every encouragement from the merchants, manufacturers, and business men generally.

An Honest Medicine for La Grippe.

George W. Walt, of South Gardner, Me., says: "I have had the worst cough, cold, chills and grip and have taken lots of trash of no account but profit to the vendor. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the only thing that has done any good whatever. I have used one 50-cent bottle and the chills, cold and grip have all left me. I congratulate the manufacturers of an honest medicine." For sale by J. W. Gayle.

Soup House Closed.

Messrs. W. B. Bridgeford, W. S. Dehoney and J. J. Nelson, who so successfully conducted the soup house for the relief of the suffering poor of our city, closed the same on Friday night last.

They deserve and have received the gratitude of the poor and the community generally for the good work done.

Notwithstanding the awful cold, no one was frozen to death. Our community was far luckier than many others in this respect.

La Grippe is again epidemic. Every precaution should be taken to avoid it. Its specific cure is One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Sheperd, Publisher Agricultural Journal and Advertiser, Eldon, Mo., says: "No one will be disappointed in using One Minute Cough Cure for La Grippe." Pleasant to take, quick to act." For sale by Tyler & Hemphill and W. McKee Hardie.

Serious Fire.

Our little neighbor, Stamping Ground, was visited by a disastrous fire on Saturday night. It started in the attic of the furniture store of G. G. Carl & Co., destroying that building, Geo. Duvall's grocery, a large warehouse of A. Ford & Co., Dr. C. C. Lewis' drug store, and the post-office.

There were no means of fighting the fire, and, of course, it ran its course.

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